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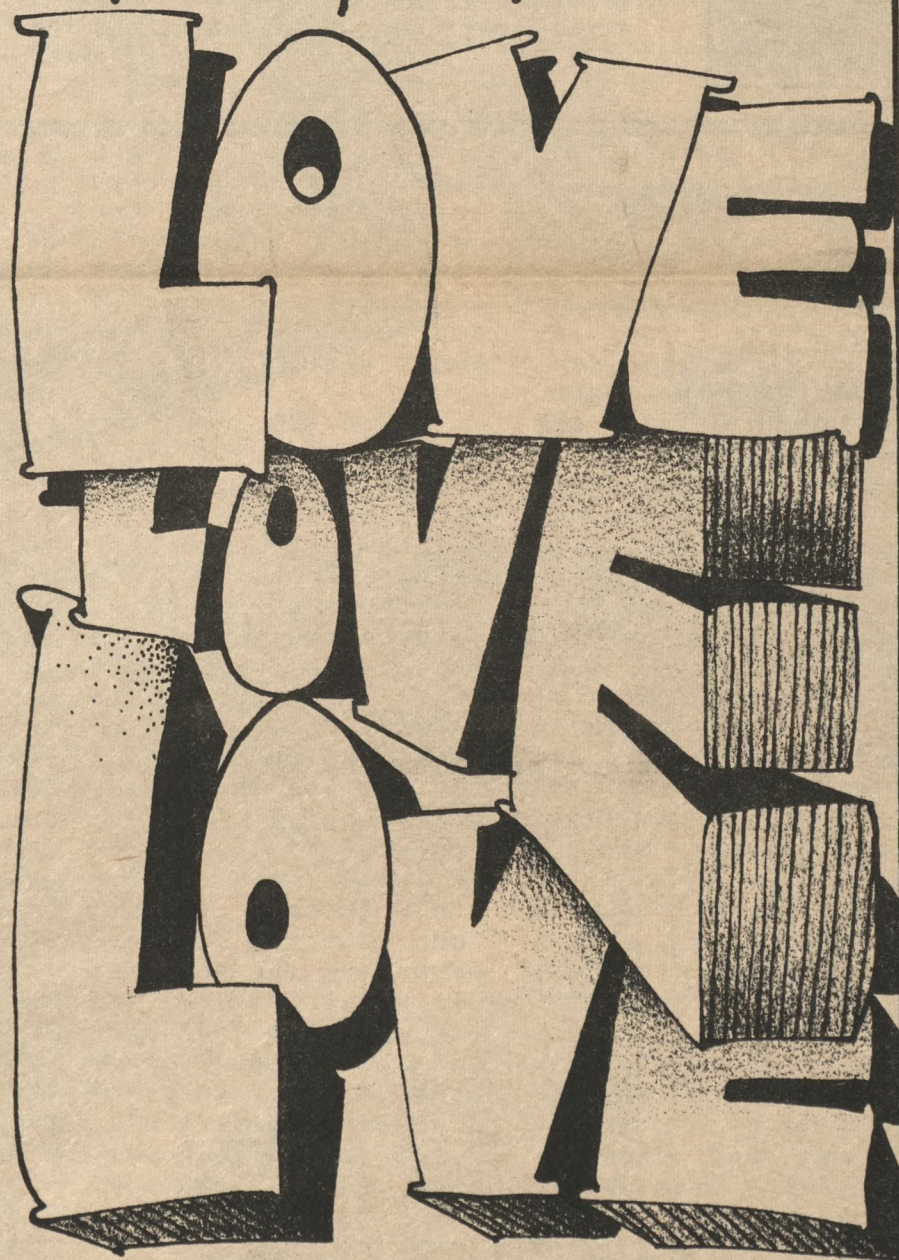
BY: Duane Pederson

If what you've read about love in this paper has made any sense to you . . . if it sounds like the kind of love you'd like to experience, don't turn us off thinking its made only for someone else. The love we've been rapping about is for you.

You see, Jesus Christ's bag is love. That's His big number. He loved the whole world -- you, me, everybody -- so much that He did something about it. Jesus loved us enough to want to help us cope with our hassles. He loved us so much that He wanted to help us get free from the things that string us out. He wanted to help us get over feeling guilty about the things we've messed up. He wanted to give us a purpose a reason to live.

And Jesus DID all these things for us, and showed us all how much He loves us, by dying on a cross for us. And to show us that it wasn't just a put-on, but that He really had the power to do all the things for us that He promised He rose from the dead. He's still around today, too, and still giving out His special kind of love to anyone who asks Him for it.

Right now, you can talk to this same Jesus that died for you almost two thousand years ago, and you can ask Him to give you this love.



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Right where you are, you can just say, or even think in your own mind, something like this:

Jesus, I believe that you can hear me, and because you love me, you care about what I have to say. I know I've messed up a lot of things. I don't really have much love in my life. Maybe I know all about sex, and all about the highs that synthetic chemicals can produce, but I really don't know anything about love. You promised in your word, the Bible, that if I asked you, you would help straighten things out for me. You said you would become my friend, and teach me about love. And I believe you. Thank you Jesus, for becoming a part of my life, right now. AMEN!

If you just talked to Jesus in those words, or in words of your own, you're what we call a Jesus Person. And the best way to learn about love is to learn about Jesus. You can do this in several ways. You can go to Jesus coffee houses in your area, or to Bible raps, or to Jesus groups in your school. When you get into Jesus, you get into all the heavy things He promised could be yours.... love, peace, freedom, happiness.

Write me today - Duane Pederson, Box 1949, Hollywood, California 90028

MY MESSIAH

BY: DOLORES HERNE



After having spent most of my 26 years wondering what this life is all about, I found myself resigned to the fact that there was no definite answer; it was then that I truly sought God for help and He did hear my cry. PRAISE GOD!

Being raised in an upper middle class Jewish home in West Los Angeles and Beverly Hills, I received most of the material and financial blessings that this world could offer. I attended college and traveled extensively throughout Europe three times, the last time spending fifteen months there from June, 1970 through September, 1971. It was during this time when I went through the most difficult period in my life. With a desire and longing to find peace of mind, I left home with the hope that life would finally find me; and Europe would fill my need to succeed in my relationships with people and my ambition to find a satisfying and creative occupation in which to express myself.

Several months later while in Switzerland, my parents wrote to me that they had become "completed Jews" by accepting Jesus the Messiah as their Lord and Saviour. Needless to say, I was shocked but happy for their new found peace. On coming home, I felt within myself an emptiness and hopelessness at having failed to achieve my goal of peace of mind and happiness. Praise the Lord. Blessed be His name He said, "Blessed are ye that hunger now; for ye shall be filled," and all that suffering did come to an end. On October 2, 1971, I opened the door of my heart and let Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior come in. As He came in, I felt His complete forgiveness and the lifting of all my burdens. Since that day, I am a new person for all the world to see and hear.

I continue to pray that the rest of my family will witness the joy and peace the Lord has given me, and know that truly Jesus is Lord.

21 YEARS Then Jesus



BY: KEN HESTERLY

It's painful to put into words what I've been through in my 21 years. After highschool I split from home to San Francisco where I got involved in organized crime, big business drug pushing and the whole bit. I joined a name rock group which traveled but played regularly at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco. I really dug on live performances and being able to have any chick I wanted. I use to think that I had "love" all scoped out, but it wasn't love, it was lust, that's all.

I think it would be safe to say that I participated in just about every kind of vice San Francisco is famous for, and as far as drugs were concerned, I shot, sniffed, smoked, and dropped everything from heroin to cocaine and some-

times all at the same time. But rather than "hash" over all the garbage in my past I'd like to tell you what Jesus has done to me and for me all in one short year.

One day when I was wipped out on acid I had an encounter with the Lord Himself. He came to me and said, "Look, I didn't create you to be a garbage can. Quit the group, leave S.F., and go to a solitary place and I'll give you further instructions later." So that's exactly what I did. Supernaturally, God led me to Southern California to some Christians who really knew Jesus and the power of His Holy Spirit. My life took a 180° turn in just about every area of my behavior and Jesus did it all. I could have never done it on my own power. I just trusted

Him and He did it all.

I praise God that He literally pulled my life out of the mess it was in. Jesus has turned me on to real love and it's so different from Satan's counterfeit. This weekend I am going to marry the girl that God has picked out for me. Our meeting was as supernatural as my becoming a Christian, and the love that Jesus has given us can't be described in words. I'm so thankful that Jesus took compassion on my life and in His mercy He made me a new person. My only desire is to praise Him forever and to relate the fact that if God can have mercy on a junkie and freak like me, it seems pretty logical that no matter how messed up your life might be right now He can change you too. Praise Jesus!

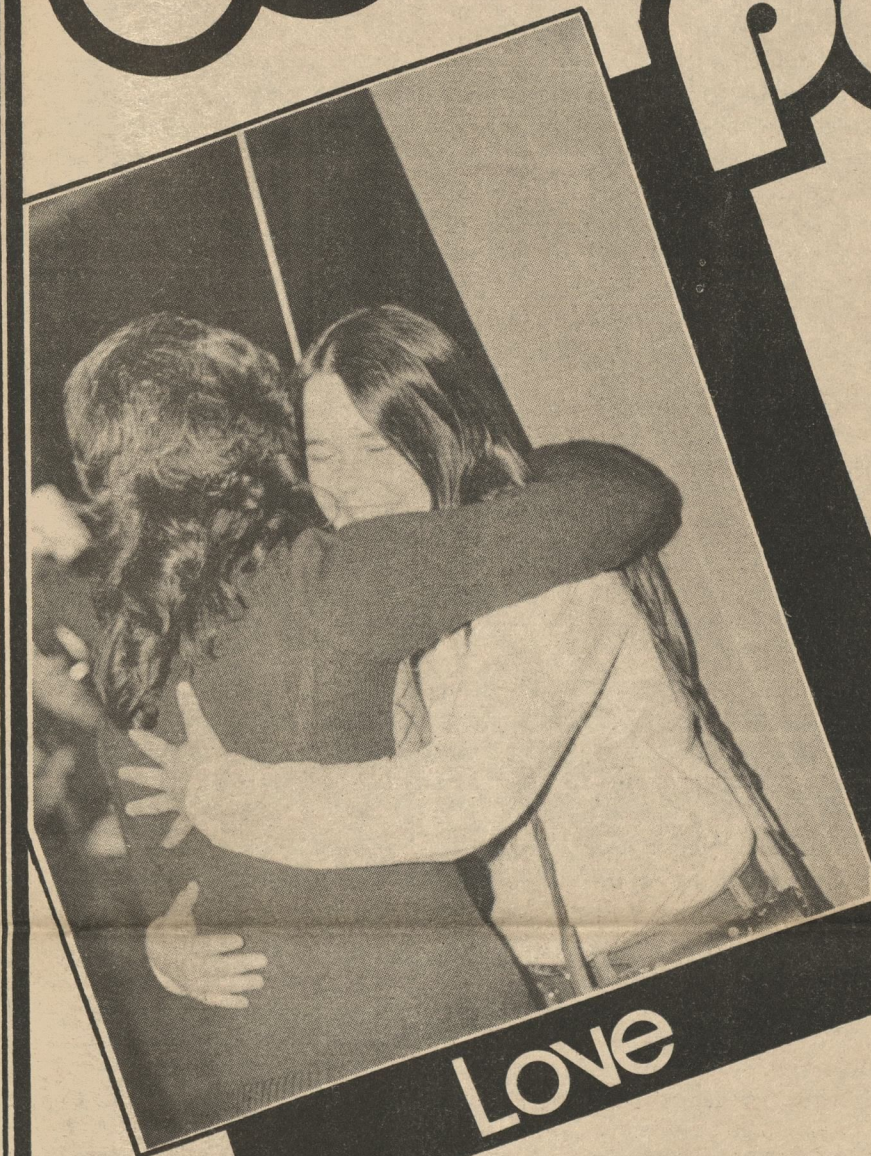
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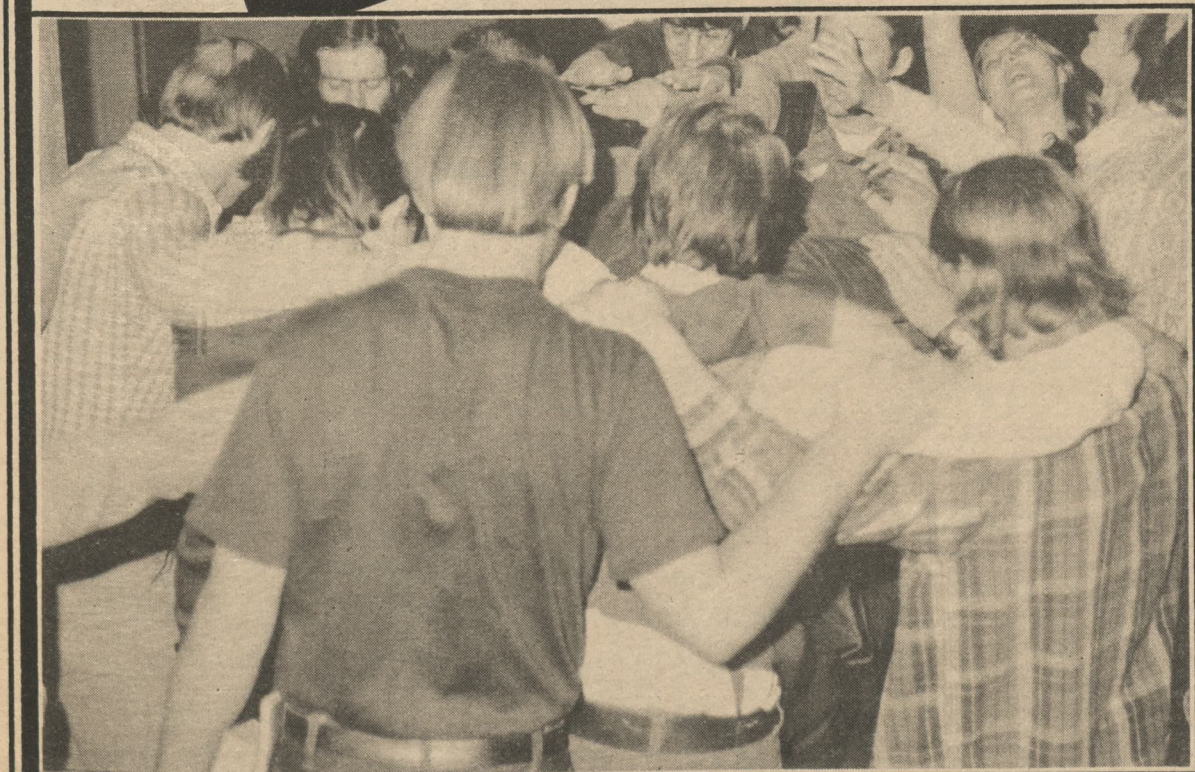
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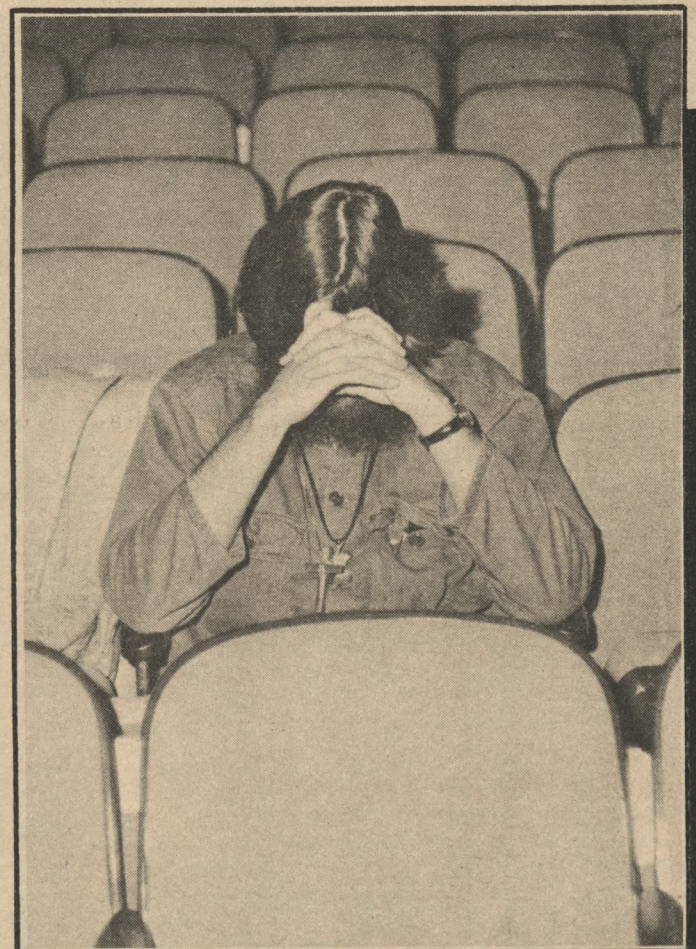
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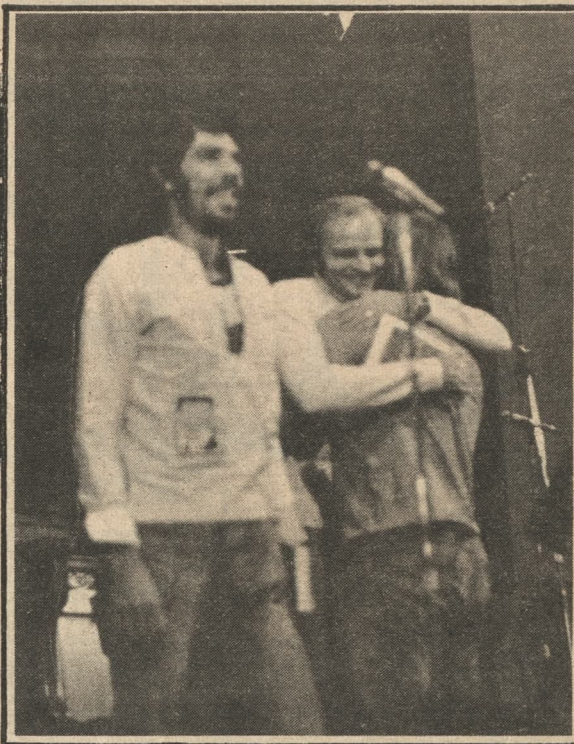


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THESE PICTURES WERE TAKEN AT THE JESUS PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING HELD DECEMBER 28-31 IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THEY SHOW HOW OUR LORD WORKS IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS IN PEOPLE'S LIVES.

Looking Back

A BROTHER REFLECTS ON THE GATHERING



Lilly sang "I believe in the Father, I believe in the Son, I believe in the Holy Spirit, Oh! I believe in the three in One." There's a lot more, but if you feel and can accept this, then like me; you've been saved by the Blood of Jesus. Praise to the Holy Trinity! What is truth and how can we know? My answer is Jesus Christ is truth.

Recently, I attended the Jesus People Gathering in Los Angeles to learn more about Jesus and His Holy Word, I'd like to share my experiences with you.

The Gathering began December 28th at 7 pm and really ended sometime New Years morning on Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, at the Rose Bowl Parade as we witnessed and planted seeds for Jesus.

Christianity is not merely creeds or laws, but to me, its a personal faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus was the central focal point of the Gathering which was shared by at least a thousand young men and women. I'd say the majority were Christians that attended the Gathering, which consisted of excellent speakers, seminars, music and fellowship; including a beach baptism and a music fesitval. My first experience was listening to a dynamic speaker named Paul Hackett who came on strong about an unchanging Christ in a Changing World. His message to me was "Christ is Reality," the world (Satan's kingdom) is fantasy.

One seminar I attended, Friday, dealt with sin, forgiveness, and power. The young minister that lectured shattered my biggest hang-up -- guilt, and a life-long load of doubt and fear scattered as Satan's lies always do in facing truth. I felt like I'd just been released from a death penalty. Oh! happy day! Are you ready for this? Jesus paid our debt for every single wretched sin, past, present, and future! AMEN! "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness." I John 1:9. As the speakers spoke and the singers sang, I felt the love of Jesus beginning to infect my thoughts, words and deeds. The power of the Holy Spirit grew in so many of us in the fellowship we shared, and the conversions further showed my heart that Jesus is alive within our hearts. Some came searching, and found what they were seeking -- Jesus, forgiveness -- eternal life and more abundant life. Being an ex-Marine, I have experienced discipline, physical and mental conditioning, adventure, hate, fear, pain, victory; however, all of my living and experiencing fell short of the love, grace, joy and wisdom the gathering implanted inside of me.

When I finally made my decision for Christ not too long ago I knew Jesus was telling me, "I'm real, you've tried it your way, now surrender your pride, your sins, your life to me." I did, and everyday when I allow Him to lead me, I get positive results, strength, blessings.

Sunday afternoon by Will Rogers State Beach, I testified at the Beach Baptism and along with quite a few born again Christians, I was baptized in a very COOL Pacific Ocean. My heart is full of love for all the staff and Duane Pederson of the Jesus People in Hollywood, and now my life is packed with the fruits of the Holy Spirit. I'll never forget the music festival on New Years Eve, the love, laughter, warmth and the Holy Communion service as Jesus People were, so one in the Spirit. To a million and a half people lining Colorado Boulevard early New Years morning, what will impress them in the future? Perhaps the wild, cold Santa Ana Winds, or the noisy roaming crowds, or the liquor, dope, vendors and hot coffee. Maybe some will remember the many young people who handed them a Hollywood Free Paper and said "Jesus Loves You." I'll remember four days of love and fellowship with our youth, hands held out open in love and in praise.

Yours living in Christ -- Robby Lopez

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